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Grievances of village karnams.

*422 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a memorandum, dated 26th March 1953, regarding the grievances of village karnams from the Tanjore District Karuneegar Sangham; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (*a*) No. But a memorandum from the Association has been received by the Collector of Tanjore.

" (*b*) Many of the requests contained in the Memorandum have already been considered and disposed of by the Government on previous occasions. The new requests now made have been examined by the Government in consultation with the Board of Revenue and the Collector of Tanjore. Suitable orders will be passed on them shortly."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN:—" May I know, Sir, what is the nature of the requests made by the Association? " 9–10 a.m.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" Quite a number of requests, Sir. They are about 8 or 9. They want permission to reside outside the village. They want extra travelling allowance. That has been conceded to some extent and then they want to do some extra job and that has been allowed to be done with permission."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN:—" Are the Government aware that widespread corruption is prevalent among karnams because of their meagre pay and because they have to pay mamools to higher officials during Jamabandi and if so will Government take steps to rectify this situation? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" Is corruption found among karnams only, Sir? "

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN:—" Sir, why are the concessions granted to non-gazetted officers in respect of education of their children not extended to village officers? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" That is also under consideration, Sir. That is one among the many requests and the matter will be decided in consultation with the Board of Revenue and Collectors."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI:—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதில் சொல்லும் போது கணக்குப்பிள்ளைகளிடத்தில் மட்டும் ஊழல் இல்லை, மற்ற எல்லா உத்தியோகஸ்தர்களிடத்திலும் கூட ஊழல் இருப்பதாக ஒத்துக்கொண்டார்கள். அதைத் தடுப்பதற்கு முன் வருவாரா ? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" Why with officials only, Sir? It is even with non-officials."